



**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
David Sidransky )  
Serial No. 09/164,764 ) Examiner:  
Filed: October 1, 1998 ) Group Art Unit: 1643  
                        ) Atty. Dkt. No. 01107.76459

For: DETECTION OF HYPERMUTABLE NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE IN TISSUE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The Honorable Assistant  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

If any fees are needed to enter this amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, line 3, insert the following:

**--RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/854,727, filed May 12, 1997, now US PAT. 5,935,781 which is a file wrapper continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/299,477, filed August 31, 1994, now abandoned.--

**REMARKS**

It is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered.

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